

AFTERNOON DISPATCHES.

Melville has Arranged for a Six Months Search.

Ballot-box Stuffing in South Carolina—Ship-herd's Regrets—Removal of Lowell's Recall.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Secretary Hunt has received a dispatch from Engineer Melville, dated Yontok, Jan. 27th, as follows: "I have completed all the necessary arrangements for supplies and outfits for six months, and leave this place for Belton to-day, thence to the Lena delta to continue the search for my missing comrades."

PRUNING THE TREATY.

In the House, McLean has introduced a bill for the abrogation of the fifth and sixth articles of the Burlingame treaty with China.

ROSCREANS TO TAKE A BACK SEAT.

Indications are general that Roscreans will be superseded in the management of the Congressional campaign which is to be turned over to Roswell P. Flower.

DISCUSSING A NEW BILL.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations resumed the consideration of the Chinese question to-day, and discussed the various features of the substitute offered for the vetoed bill, but without reaching the point of action on any of them.

WHAT THE INVESTIGATION SHOWS.

The report of the House Election Committee shows that the charges of fraud and ballot-box stuffing in South Carolina are doubtless true. It shows that a Republican majority of 5,000 for Mackay was thrown out and a Democrat seated. In some places the ballot boxes contained more Democrats than the whole number of voters. These facts justify the Brewster letter.

DORSEY ORDERED UNDER ARREST.

The Star Route recognition of Stephen A. Dorsey was declared forfeited and his arrest is ordered. Col. Totten formally noted an objection to the decision and most of the defendants entered their appearance.

CHANDLER AND HUNT ALL RIGHT.

The nominations of Chandler and Hunt have been favorably reported.

SHIPHERD REGRETS IT.

Shipherd this morning said that he wrote to Harburt that he believed it was part of the duties of the American Minister to further American interests. Explaining the phrase, "Grant is now one of us," he said it was written in a great hurry and he regretted it. In September the witness told Grant that the Peruvian Company wanted to put him at its head. Grant said that he would not consider any proposition to become peculiarly interested.

CONTENDED ELECTION CASE.

The House Committee on Elections have reported in favor of McLean, the contestant for the South Carolina seat.

SOUTHERN CORP PROSPECTS.

Reports from the South indicate excellent crop prospects and an unusual tendency to diversify the products.

MITIGATING MASON'S SENTENCE.

It is understood that the Secretary of War has recommended the mitigation of Sergeant Mason's sentence to four or five months' confinement in the regular guard-house, to forfeit of \$5,000 due or which may become due him, and to be dishonorably discharged from the service.

RUMOR OF LOWELL'S RECALL.

There is a rumor here to-night, which seems to be worth consideration, to the effect that Minister Lowell will be recalled within a few days, and that Taft, of Ohio, will be appointed Minister to the Court of St. James. It has leaked out very much as other intentions of Arthur have become known, that he has been recalled, and Lowell's recall for some time, but gossip has said that it was his purpose to appoint Governor Cornell to that place, and thus smooth over those who are best informed, however, did not think Cornell would at this early period consent to political exile.

CHANCES FOR A TEN YEAR BILL.

Representative Cassidy of Nevada, in talking of the Chinese bill to-day, said: "The House bill reported was in many respects better than the Senate bill, under the circumstances. It is now becoming generally understood that we are in earnest about restricting Chinese immigration; if we can't get twenty years, as the veto has declared, as far as I am concerned I am willing to take the next best thing. It is likely that the President will approve a ten-year bill, and I am willing to give him an opportunity, though there are a number who think he will approve a fifteen-year bill. The chances are that a ten-year bill will be finally passed, and I am satisfied that some who originally voted for the bill cannot be got to do so again, though there will be enough of them who will vote to pass a bill of some kind. The trouble has been with many Democrats and Republicans who have claimed this bill all along, though they have not given it their support. There are Democrats who are not supporting the bill because they shall claim all credit; many Democrats voted for the bill against their own individual wishes, to oblige Roscreans, Berry and myself, and it will take hard work to get these in the traces again, but it can be done. Republicans will have no right to claim any credit in regard to this bill, for if it were not for them it would have been passed before this."

HOW SOME EASTERN HOUSES FARED.

A Hong Kong Firm Forwards Goods not Ordered.

Boston, April 10.—The Journal says that the outline of operations in an extensive swindle in the China trade reached Boston this morning, and the indications that a gigantic fraud is about to be exposed. The house of Vogel & Co., of Hong Kong, does a large business in hemp, silk and other goods behind China and America and Europe. Very recently the English and French consignees of the firm received several cargoes of cheap fourth-rate silks in place of the first-class goods which had been ordered and paid for. Hardly had an investigation been begun when the arrival of the ship Richard Borden in New York on Sunday, with a cargo from the same house, exposed an extensive fraud of the same nature. Several New York and Boston firms received consignments of hemp, as they supposed, by the vessel. They had sent letters of credit and purchased through banking houses, as is customary, a large quantity of hemp, worth nearly \$30 per bale. On opening the cargo Saturday it was found to consist principally of Canton matting, worth less than \$5 per bale. In the meantime steps are taken to apprehend the head of the house at Hongkong by means of the cable. Orders to arrest him resulted in the receipt of a dispatch saying that he had sailed in the last steamer, probably for France. Detectives in the latter country endeavored to find him at the time he was expected to arrive, but he has been traced, it is believed, to Italy, and his capture is being made as rapidly as possible. The silk shipped to Europe by Vogel & Co. is worth not much more than ten dollars per bale. It was paid for at nearly \$300 per bale. The losses to the consignees of the concern thus far reported amount to \$5,000,000. One Boston firm received seventy-five hundred bales of so-called hemp by the Richard Borden, and it was worth about one-sixth of the amount paid for it. A thorough investigation of the affair is being made and a more definite statement will soon be ready.

HOMESTEADS.

The Supreme Court Limits Homesteads to \$5,000.

A Decision Which May Affect Some Titles in Los Angeles County—Judge McKenney's.

In California the wife has no dower; and the husband alone can convey all the community property or real estate acquired after marriage, unless the same is legally selected as a homestead. It is the policy of the law, and the best interests of society require that the homestead—the roof-tree of every family—shall be secure against the changes of fickle fortune. It appears that great care must be taken in the selection of the homestead, or the whole proceeding will be void; and further legislative enactment may be necessary to fully secure and protect these important rights. We invite attention to the following decision of our Supreme Court, filed the 5th instant:

HAM vs. SANTA ROSA BANK, ET AL.

7,460.

Defendant Julliard and wife filed a declaration of homestead in which they claimed the value of the property claimed as a homestead at eight thousand dollars. Did they acquire any homestead right by the declaration?

Section 1,260 of the Civil Code provides that a homestead "may be selected and claimed" by the head of a family "of not exceeding five thousand dollars in value." Sections 1,262 and 1,263 provide the mode by which a homestead "may be selected." The fourth sub-division of the last named section requires that the declaration of homestead "be executed and acknowledged by the claimant, shall contain 'an estimate of the actual cash value' of the premises claimed as a homestead."

The statute contemplates the selection of a homestead not exceeding the value of five thousand dollars, and provides no machinery for the selection of any homestead of greater value. Nor does it contemplate the selection as a homestead of an interest in certain property, worth more in the aggregate to the extent of five thousand dollars. It requires that the declaration shall contain "a description" of the property claimed as a homestead, and an estimate of the value of the property thus described. It is no more or less competent to select a certain number of acres, unlocated, within a larger tract, specifically described, than to select \$5,000 in value out of a tract specifically described, and declared to be worth \$8,000. The homestead must be described and estimated. Here, however, there was no attempt to select as homestead five thousand dollars' worth of a property valued at more than that sum, but \$5,000 of real property, specifically described, was selected and claimed under a statute which limits the selection to a specific tract valued at \$5,000.

Section 1,265 of the Civil Code reads: "From and after the declaration is filed for record, the premises therein described constitute a homestead." If their declaration was valid, then the defendants, the Julliards, had an eight thousand dollar homestead.

True, if after the homestead has been selected, it shall increase in value, the excess may be reached by a judgment creditor. Perhaps also, if the claimant has erroneously and without any fraud, underestimated the homestead, the excess only can be reached by the creditor. But the sections of the code (C. C., 1,245, 1,259) under which the judgment creditor takes his proceedings, assume the "declaration" to show the value of the homestead not to exceed five thousand dollars. The application for the appointment of persons to appraise the value must state that "the value of the homestead exceeds" (in the present) "the amount of the homestead exemption." Respondent is driven to the proposition that the effect of the declaration is to create a "homestead" of the value of five thousand dollars (undivided) within the description of a tract estimated at eight thousand dollars—the extent and boundaries of the homestead to be left undetermined until a creditor shall have commissioners appointed for that purpose.

To uphold such a declaration would be to countenance an evasion of the requirements of the statutory system—in themselves simple and easily complied with. The Code compels a recede by the creditor to the provisions with respect to commissioners of appraisal, etc., only when the homestead has been selected according to law, and Section 1,263 requires that the selected homestead shall be specifically described by metes and courses, or other definite boundaries, and that the value of the homestead thus described

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NEWS OF THE MORNING.

Chilcott will succeed Teller.

Queer actions of the Kansas cyclone. Shipyard still before the committee.

The Star Route trials are in motion. Reports from the South indicate excellent crops.

Fresno county says the Anaconda must arise up.

It is rumored that Minister Lowell will be recalled.

Chandler and Hunt's nominations favorably reported.

Stephen A. Dorsey, the Star Route, ordered under arrest.

The tender-hearted preachers of Philadelphia are pro-Chinese.

The Secretary of War recommends mitigating Mason's sentence.

The chances are that a ten-year bill will be passed, says Mr. Cassidy.

Henry Pierce, brother to the deceased ex-President, died Thursday evening.

The charges of ballot-stuffing in South Carolina are confirmed by the investigation.

Melville has made arrangements for a six months' search for his missing comrades.

The Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons convened yesterday in San Francisco.

A Hong Kong commercial firm swindle their correspondents out of \$50,000,000 and levant.

THE GRASS CROP.

From all sources we hear the most astonishing statements of the profligacy of the grass crop. Perhaps it is more noticeable that it comes late, after many had become discouraged, and feared general ruin, and is the more thankfully received. We have the satisfaction of knowing that there will be abundant green feed late into the season, and that will be followed by immense deposits of dry feed that will carry the stock through to the next grass. Bee feed should also be plentiful, and we may look for a large honey crop. So all of our little rills that go to make our great prosperity are running full.

HOMESTEADS.

On our first page is published this morning a decision of the Supreme Court affecting homesteads. In that decision it is held that property exceeding the value of \$5,000 cannot be homesteaded, and property that may have been of less value than the limit when homesteaded, when, by the natural growth in values it exceeds the stipulated sum, the surplus may be reached by judgment creditors and a lien placed upon the property. As the object of a homestead is to secure to the family a home, a roof tree, it is important that proper legislation to secure that object be had. There are many places in this city and county that cannot now be homesteaded by reason of exceeding the limit, and there are many others that are jeopardized by increase of value, consequent upon the growth of the town and augmenting property values. The coming Legislature will no doubt be asked to devise some means of protecting the interests of the family against these conditions.

SOME TRUTH.

The New York Herald, in the main is not sound on the Chinese question, but in saying much it is not surprising it will drop a word or two of wisdom and truth. We note it lectures the real estate owners of San Francisco for their hypocrisy in patronizing the Mongolians and then joining in the cry of "away with them!" As the Herald agrees with the sentiment we utter some time prior to the veto we copy a caustic paragraph from its columns. And we renew our appeal to the people, not to employ the Chinese if they wish to get rid of them. So long as the people will give Chinese business they will be here, veto or no veto. Here is the blow of the Herald:

It should not be forgotten that these people are brought over by Americans, in American steamers as remunerative business, nor ought it to be forgotten that if Californians are so unamiable; as pretended, in their hostility to Chinese labor, they have the remedy in their own hands. They need not employ them, or buy of them, or sell to them. It is well known in San Francisco that the buildings in the Chinese quarter, where these people are huddled together, are owned by white men who pocket the rent paid by the Chinese for their hovels, and then go and join in the anti-Chinese howl. A great many of the tenements occupied by the Chinese are a disgrace to a Christian city, but the owners are not Chinese but white people, who would be offended if they were told the truth, that the rents that they and their families live on are discredited gains.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

We learn that our hotels are full to repletion, and they are obliged to turn away customers daily in large numbers. And the cry is, "Still they come!" Hotel accommodations commensurate with the want of travel has become the want of the city, and to longer ignore it and fall to provide for the suitable entertainment of those we have invited and urged to visit us is to neglect one of our best interests and is shamefully ignoring the proprieties of the situation. We owe the courtesies of the host to the callers, and we cannot expect their favorable consideration if we are neglectful of their comfort and wants.

But we may look at this hotel matter in a purely business light—peculiarly if you will, and we shall find we are largely losers directly in not having rooms enough and good enough for the many tourists and invalids who have come and desired to seek accommodations in other places who desired to abide here. The Sierra Madre Villa, San Diego and Santa Barbara have been peopled during the winter by persons unable to obtain satisfactory accommodations here. And it has not been the fault of our landlords that people have been disappointed, but simply the fact of want of rooms of a suitable kind. This should not be allowed to continue a day longer than is necessary to erect more and suitable accommodations for the large and rapidly growing business that our situation and reputation is crowding upon us. We certainly have capital sufficient to give us all the hotels necessary, and it will be a sad commentary upon us if we allow another winter season to pass without having adequate room for any amount of travel.

The hotel of our idea need not be an expensive structure. The main features desired are a good table kept cleanly, and light, clean, sunny rooms, and ample facilities for artificially warming up on the few chilly and rainy days we have. Extremely expensive furniture and upholstery are not needed. The cheerfulness akin to home life is what the great majority of our visitors ask for, and it can be provided without the enormous expense that is required in a Palace or a Baldwin hotel. And another point of consideration is the proper location of the hotel. It should not be flanked all around by business houses, but be removed from the turmoil of commerce, and occupy an eminence from which as much of the country as possible can be seen. Such places we have, and a hotel of ample dimensions once erected upon the hill overlooking the city and valleys and the means of reaching it easily provided, there would be no lack of patronage for it, and the thousands of dollars that now slip through our fingers would remain here to enrich us all. Who is the public spirited capitalist that will earn money and the enduring thanks of the community by giving us the hotel that will supply our present pressing wants?

WHAT OUR BUTTER COSTS.

In conversation with Messrs. Seymour & Johnson of the Grange Store, last evening, we endeavored to get an approximate statement of the amount of butter imported into this city from the north during the past four months. Their judgment is that the imports have amounted to the enormous amount of 11,000 pounds per week, or 561,000 pounds since December 1, 1881. They give us an average price 33 cents per pound, amounting in the aggregate to \$373,710. This, let it be borne in mind, is but for choice roll butter, and does not include firkin butter or roll butter in pickle, of which large amounts are being received. And to the above we must not forget to add our local production. When all is added up it would show an expenditure in the past four months of not less than one hundred thousand dollars for the one item of butter. The facts should be an incentive to any man who understands the business to engage in dairying. There is no danger of overdoing the business. We can increase our domestic production a hundred fold without overstocking the market. As we have the freight in our favor and express freight at that, we could command all the eastern trade, which now by reason of our inability to supply orders is largely sent over our head to San Francisco. We hear of one order of eight tons of butter being sent from San Francisco to Deming, N. M., recently by express! Our climate is favorable for the production of grasses and the manipulation of the cream, and while this is so the trade should not be allowed to go by us.

In our notice of the Council proceedings of Saturday evening, we omitted to mention editorially, as we had intended, the introduction by Councilman Cohen of his resolution for the removal of the Chinese beyond the fire limits of the city. We congratulate Mr. Cohen on his finally taking the only legitimate and constitutional step to rid the center of the city of this Chinese pest, and the public on the sanitary and commercial importance of the measure. It deserves the hearty support and encouragement of every good citizen until the work is accomplished.

Tax Chinese Six Companies in San Francisco have had the President's veto message translated into Chinese, and printed in handbill form, the bill being embellished with a portrait of President Arthur. John is jollyfying and is exceedingly happy. With his joy and Arthur smiling upon him why shouldn't he be?

THE "OFF YEAR."

Whenever an esteemed contemporary becomes inflated with a hope of party victory he announces as a reason for the faith that is in him that it's an "off year for the Democracy." Precisely what this may signify we have no positive information of. We were to guess its meaning from the present attitude of the party, we might conclude that it is "off" from everything that pertains to morality and law and order. We have a recollection that the same phrase was in use during the last Presidential campaign. Making a guess by the light of history, we reckon the term then signified, "off for Salt River!" The Democracy paddled up that saline and turbulent rivulet in 1880, and will probably do it again. Yes, "off for Salt River is good."

A CHANGE in the Superintendency of the Mint at San Francisco is said to have been determined upon, and Hon. H. J. McCusick, now Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Mail Service, is named as the gentleman who is likely to succeed to the position. Mr. McCusick is eminently fitted for the position, and a better choice could not be made. In the position he now occupies he has shown very superior administrative ability, and his long public service in the State Legislature and Senate, with his offices of honor and trust demonstrate his integrity of character.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. T. Priest, of San Jose, is at the United States Hotel.

H. Mackey, of Los Angeles, will arrive home this morning.

E. Alley, of San Jose, will arrive in Los Angeles this morning.

W. H. Spurgeon of Santa Ana is registered at the Cosmopolitan.

District Attorney Edwards, of Talara county, is in town visiting his family.

William Wilson and wife, of Gilroy, will arrive in Los Angeles this morning.

William Philippi will arrive in Los Angeles this morning from a trip up the country.

A. E. Pomeroy received his commission as Notary Public from the Governor yesterday.

George C. Graham, Jr., will arrive in Los Angeles this morning on the northern express train.

J. J. Valentine, of San Francisco, Superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co., is at the Cosmopolitan.

Will Swan, one of Professor C. E. Day's clerks, has been seriously ill for the past week, but is now convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Kellogg, of Chicago are in the city. Mr. Kellogg is a large wholesale clothing dealer. They are stopping at the Cosmopolitan.

J. M. Zion, the anti-monopoly agitator, goes to Santa Barbara to-day to preach the new gospel. He has been to Riverside, San Bernardino and Santa Ana the past few days.

Captain Wm. L. Merry, of San Francisco, who recently went to Washington in the interest of the Nicaragua Canal project, will be in the city in a few days. His family are now in the city.

Joseph W. Clarke, of this city, a young timothy in the employ of Merrill & Babcock, was united with Miss Kate C. Munford, of San Diego, in the bands of holy matrimony last Sunday.

Rev. A. W. Barker performing the ceremony. The Times wishes the newly married couple many years of matrimonial bliss.

A MYSTERIOUS WAIF.

A Heartless Mother Abandons Her New-Born Babe.

Early yesterday morning a little girl baby was found on the doorsteps of the Orphans' Home on Figueroa street. It was evidently only a few hours old. No clothing except barely enough to cover the little waif, and those of a coarse character, was left, and no note or clue to its parentage was found upon it. The party or parties who left it at the Home first rang the bell very violently, which awoke the matron, and then hastily beat a retreat. It is said to be a very handsome little thing, and weighed six pounds. A woman that could part with her child in this manner, no matter what mysterious surroundings she may be in, must be heartless, indeed, and it is fortunate for the little one that there was an orphan asylum to receive it, otherwise its life might have been a sad one.

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LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

The Star Route Thieves Attempt to Quash the Indictments.

Folger Would not Mind to be Governor—The Kansas Cyclone—Chilcott to Succeed Teller.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, April 10th.—Judge Wylie's decision in the Criminal Court refusing the motion in the Star Route cases to quash the indictments is regarded here as the last motion of the kind that can be made against a trial in the Criminal Court.

PERSONAL.

Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, is expected here to-morrow.

WON'T SAY.

Secretary Folger, upon being spoken to regarding the report that the Republicans will nominate him for Governor of New York this year, said he would not answer the question as to whether or not he would accept when the nomination is formally tendered, but his preference would be to remain in the Cabinet.

ANNOUNCED—MONEY ORDERS.

The Senate adjourned to-day on account of the death of Representative Albert.

IN THE HOUSE a resolution was introduced by Ray, making the rates for postal money orders of not over \$25, five cents; \$25 to \$50, ten cents; \$50 to \$100, fifteen cents.

GIVE IT UP.

Belford says neither he nor Teller knew who would be Teller's successor.

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